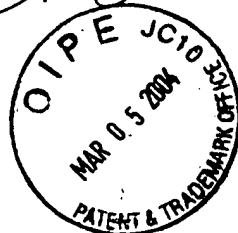


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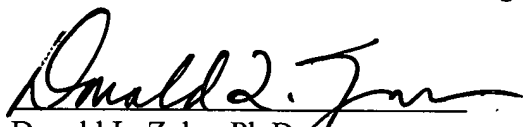
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1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:
Response to Restriction Requirement and return postcard.
2. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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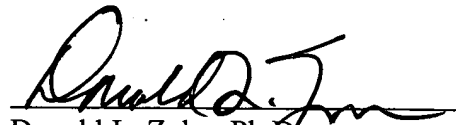
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the species of Claim 57(a) that is an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8, wherein the methionine residue at position 4 is substituted with an isoleucine residue.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Romeo believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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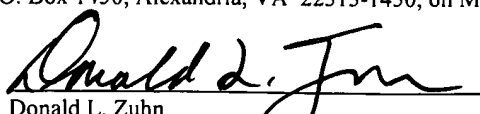
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